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This book is intended to help teachers, parents, librarians, or students choose non-racist and undistorted books about the lives and histories of American Indians. The book offers questions to ask when evaluating children's books for anti-Indian bias and gives examples for each. The book's 12 sections are: (1) Look at picture books; (2) Look for stereotypes; (3) Look for loaded words; (4) Look for tokenism; (5) Look for distortion of history; (6) Look at the lifestyles; (7) Look at the dialogue; (8) Look for standards of success; (9) Look at the role of women; (10) Look at the role of elders; (11) Look for the effects on a child's self-image; and (12) Look at the author's or illustrator's background. (SR)

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